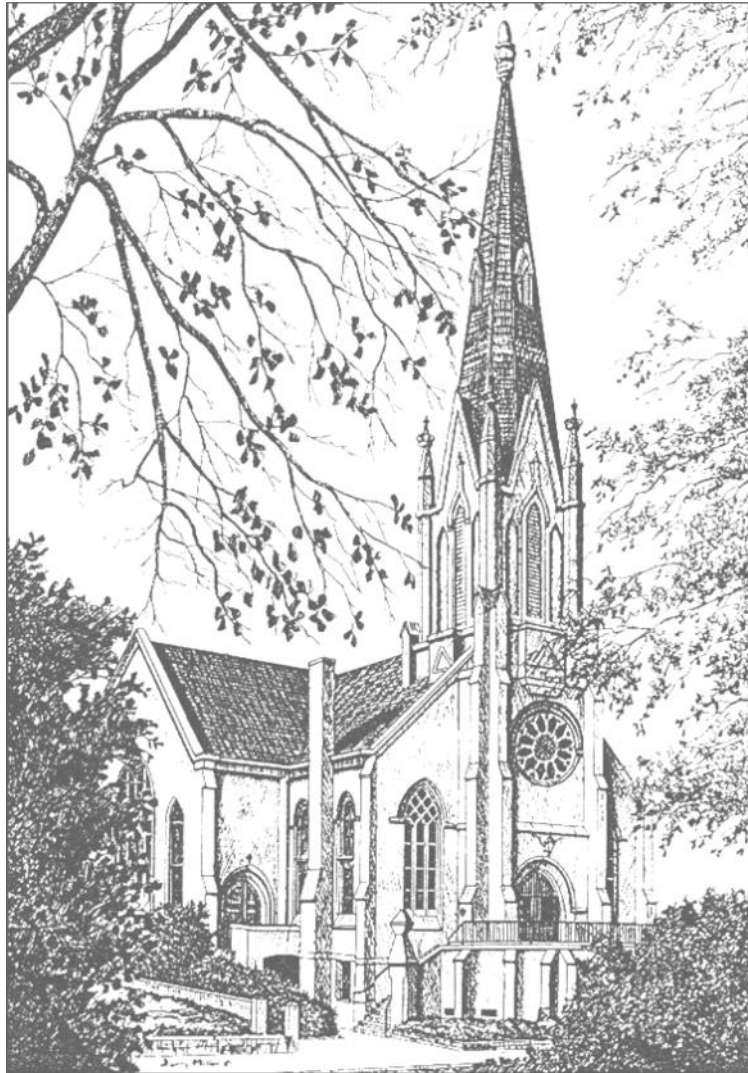


FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
RALEIGH, NC

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October 9, 2022

THE CHURCH IN WORSHIP
THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 9, 2022

Eleven o'clock

About our Worship: As we progress well into the season after Pentecost, what is often called Ordinary Time in the Christian year, we follow Jesus on the way to Jerusalem — not simply a geographic location, but the culmination of his life and ministry. In Luke's narrative today, Jesus heals ten lepers, but as is always the case, Jesus sees these children of God before he helps them. He sees us as well and calls us to see others in need around us. We sing praise to the God whose love is so expansive, we offer prayers for a world filled with people in desperate need of being seen, and we ponder our calling to follow Jesus in the ministry of seeing.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

The Greeting of Worshipers

Warren Howell

The Trinity Chimes

Three chimes are sounded, awakening us to the presence of God, alerting us to the voice of Christ, centering us in the embrace of the Spirit. As we gather, we present ourselves "as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is our spiritual worship."

The Prelude

"Voluntary on BEACH SPRING"
Dale Wood

Maureen Howell

The Call to Worship (responsive)

from Psalm 111

LEADER: Praise the Lord!

PEOPLE: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

LEADER: Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.

PEOPLE: Full of honor and majesty is the work of God, whose righteousness endures forever.

LEADER: God provides food for those who live with a sense of awe and is ever mindful of the covenant.

PEOPLE: The works of God's hands are faithful and just; all of God's precepts are trustworthy.

LEADER: Holy and awesome is the name of the Lord.

PEOPLE: God's praise endures forever.

The Invocation

1. To God be the glo - ry, great things he hath done, so' loved he the
 2. O per - fect re - demp-tion, the pur-chase of blood, to ev - ery be -
 3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done, and great our re -

world that he gave us his Son, who yield - ed his life an a -
 liev - er the prom-ise of God; the vil - est of - fend - er who
 joic - ing through Je - sus the Son; but pur - er, and high - er and

tone-ment for sin, and o-pened the life-gate that all may go in.
 tru - ly be-lieves, that mo-ment from Je - sus a par - don re - ceives.
 great - er will be our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the

Lord, let the peo - ple re - joice! O come to the Fa - ther through

Je - sus the Son, and give him the glo - ry, great things he hath done.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

The Hebrew Bible

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Mary Jane Lewis

¹Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. ²Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."

⁷When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

⁸But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." ¹¹But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! ¹²Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean?'" ¹⁴So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

¹⁵Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

The Christian Testament

2 Timothy 2:8-15

⁸Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; ¹²if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; ¹³if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

¹⁴Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

1. Through the love of God our Sav - ior, all will be well;
 2. Though we pass through trib - u - la - tion, all will be well;
 3. We ex - pect a bright to - mor - row, all will be well;

free and change - less is his fa - vor, all, all is well;
 ours is such a full sal - va - tion, all, all is well;
 faith can sing through days of sor - row, all, all is well;

pre - cious is the blood that healed us, per - fect is the grace that sealed us,
 hap - py, still in God con - fid - ing, fruit - ful, if in Christ a - bid - ing,
 on our Fa - ther's love re - ly - ing, Je - sus ev - ery need sup - ply - ing,

strong the hand stretched out to shield us, all must be well.
 ho - ly through the Spir - it's guid - ing, all must be well.
 or in liv - ing or in dy - ing, all must be well.

WORDS: Mary Peters, 1847
 MUSIC: Traditional Welsh melody, c. 1784

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The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father,
who art in heaven.
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Gospel

Luke 17:11–19

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?” ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

LEADER: This is the Gospel of Christ.

PEOPLE: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

The Anthem

“O Clap Your Hands”

Sanctuary Choir

Kevin McChesney

O clap your hands, ye people. Shout unto God
with a voice of triumph!
For the Lord most high is merciful;
he is a great king over all the earth!
Sing your praises to God!

Psalm 47:1, 2, 6

The Sermon

“The Ministry of Seeing”

Christopher Chapman

RESPONDING IN FAITH

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship

If you desire membership in this congregation, you are invited to present yourself during the singing of the Hymn of Discipleship. As an open membership church, we honor your previous baptism in any other Christian community. If you have not made a confession of faith, we invite you to do so and receive Christian baptism. Church members are invited to use this time to reflect upon their covenantal relationship with God and their commitment to Christian service.

*The Hymn of Discipleship

“Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service”

BEACH SPRING

**Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy’s perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart,
consecrating to your purpose every gift which you impart.**

**Still your children wander homeless, still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom, still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.**

**As we worship, grant us vision, till your love’s revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.**

**Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go,
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.**

Albert F. Bayly, 1961, alt.

DEPARTING TO SERVE

*The Benediction

*The Chimes

Three chimes are sounded, sending us into the world with the love of God, the Good News of Jesus Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit. As you go, remember, “you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people.”

*The Postlude

“Joyful Praise”

Maureen Howell

Eugene Butler

*The congregation may stand.

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The Sanctuary flowers are given in loving memory of Marianne Webb by her husband, Joe Webb, and family.

The Deacon on Call is Keith Lewis. A lifetime member of First Baptist, Keith serves on the Nominating Committee and is a member of the Formation Sunday School Class. He and his wife Mary Jane have three married children — Kelly, Caroline, and Abby — and one granddaughter, Sophia.

Deacon elections are happening now through Sunday, October 30. You may submit your ballot in the offering plate at Sunday worship services, in the ballot box in the church office, or by mailing it to the church office. Address questions to any of the current deacons. Please prayerfully consider your choices for our deacon leadership.

Centerpoint: Wednesday, October 12, meal served at 5:15pm, prayer time and program at 6:15pm. Continuing the theme of *Communicating Faithfully in a Divided World*, Dr. Chris Chapman will lead a two-week program entitled “Creating Safe Space for Challenging Conversations.” The program is based on work he has done with faculty and practitioners in the field of pastoral care to nurture a healthier environment for civil discourse in congregations and faith communities.

Wednesday night meal reservations may be made at the church website (www.fbcraleigh.org/foodservice), by email (dmast@fbcraleigh.org), or by calling the church office (919-832-4485). The menu for October 12 is: *Breakfast for Dinner!* Sausage, grits, eggs, and pancakes; non-meat option: mock sausage.

Today, from 12-3pm, we will accept Toy Joy donations of new or gently used toys, games, puzzles, stuffed animals, and books — please make sure that all used items are in very good condition and have all of their pieces and parts included. See the *Rose Window Weekly* for more details about Toy Joy, including volunteer opportunities.

Buy your tickets now for the Fall Festival: \$10/ticket, \$40 family cap. It will be held at the Optimist Farm (2908 Optimist Farm Road, Apex, 27539) on Sunday, October 23, from 3-7pm. Inflatables, fishing, field games, face painting, and more. The cost of the tickets includes supper.

FBC has formed a team to walk in the Greater Triangle Area CROP Hunger Walk on Sunday, October 30, at Pullen Park on Ashe Street. Sign in is at 2pm and the Walk Step-off is at 3pm. If you would like to walk with the team, donate to the team, or both, please scan the QR code to the right to go to the CROP Walk page for FBC. Donations support the global work of CWS and five local agencies. Hope to see you there.



The Heck-Jones offering provides a way for our congregation to connect to great mission work with ties to our church. Together we can make a difference in the lives of many. As of October 6, we have received \$5,867.

Calendar Highlights

October 9–16

Sunday, October 9

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship (sanctuary & YouTube)
JBC worship (226)
- 12:00 Toy Joy donation collection (Fellowship Hall)
- 4:00 Youth Handbells (307)
- 5:00 Youth choir (choir room)
- 6:00 Youth supper (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 Youth program (Blue Room)

Monday, October 10

- 10:00 Clothing ministry
- 6:00 High school Bible study (Wade home)
- 6:15 Finance Committee meeting (Zoom)
- 6:30 Music Made in Heaven rehearsal (302)

Tuesday, October 11

- 10:00 Staff meeting (conference room)
- 10:45 WMU Group 2 (Springmoor)

Wednesday, October 12

- 5:15 Meal served (Fellowship Hall)
- 5:45 Children's music (301/307/311)
- 6:15 Adult Programming (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 Children's missions (preschool suite/children's suite)
Handbell choir rehearsal (302)
- 7:30 Adult choir rehearsal (310/sanctuary)

Thursday, October 13

- 7:00 Band of Brothers (Zoom)
- 10:30 Thirty-Niners (Temple Theater in Sanford)

Sunday, October 16

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11:00 Worship/Bible presentation (sanctuary & YouTube)
JBC worship (226)
- 5:00 Youth choir (choir room)
- 6:00 Youth supper (Fellowship Hall)
- 6:30 Youth program (Blue Room)

To facilitate your giving to FBC, use the QR codes below to link to the website for our main electronic giving, VANCO Faith, and the page that lists all our e-giving options and instructions.

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